

Iowa Commodity Advisory Council Meeting

The Iowa Commodity Advisory Council met at the Des Moines Central Nutrition Center on **Friday, January 22, 2010**. Council members in attendance were: Jane Heikenen, Donna Becker, Donna Sevenich, Nancy Hogstad, Marie Miller, Dean Flaws, and Diana Weber. Mary Bellwood from the DM Central Nutrition Center was asked to join us as a guest taster due to the absenteeism because of weather. Curtis DeWulf, Marge Carson, Stephanie Dross, Allison Ketter, Bernard Gathers, and Judi Olson were absent.

Our meeting started at 10:30 by passing out evaluation sheets. Linda Anderson, General Manager at the DM Central Nutrition Center and Jane Heikenen prepared the samples for tasting. We tasted the following:

Pork Sausage Patty-3 samples

Macaroni and Cheese-3 samples

Cheese sauce-4 samples

Breaded Pork Patty-4 samples

Vegetarian Burrito-1 sample

The Advisory Council developed the following table to score each product for compliance to the HKA-Healthy Kids Act.

<u>Points</u>	<u>Fat</u>	<u>Sodium</u>	<u>Calories</u>
0	< 35%	< 600 mg	< 400
2-3	35.1-39.9%	601-699 mg	401-799
5	>40%	1000 mg	> 800

Results:

The following items will be offered as commodities for school year 2010-2011.

1. Pork Sausage Patty: JTM, Item CP5649
2. Macaroni and Cheese: Land O'Lakes, Item 43284
3. Cheese Sauce: JTM, Item 5705
4. Breaded Pork Patty: Pierre, Item 3700
5. Vegetarian Burrito: MCI Foods, Item 97575CN

Business Items:

1. Roll call was taken. Previous meeting minutes from October 16, 2009 were approved.
2. Discussion about oatmeal. Presently getting instant would prefer old-fashioned for 2010-2011. Jane found out that only instant oatmeal is available.
3. We will be bringing in Culinary Standards roast pork for 2010-2011.
4. Ling's did not provide samples-will ask to have samples at the SNAI State Conference in Ames.
5. Mrs. Clark's products-schools are having a hard time interpreting code. Put the explanation

of expiration code in the next Commodity Newsletter.

6. Discussion followed about ordering commodities. Suggestion was made to have a summer class on how to order commodities including NOI or have Regional meetings by the consultants for commodity ordering.
7. Jane asked the council for suggestions about getting new board members, especially from Northwestern Iowa.
8. The council then discussed how to bring in new products. We decided that if a vendor had a new product they should bring it to the SNAI State Conference for tasting. The vendor would poll the people to give us ideas for new commodities for next year.
9. The process was then determined for vendors and new products. If a vendor would like to show a potential commodity product, they would have to let Jane know by April 16. The Commodity Board would meet and review the list and plan conference.
10. We decided we should have either a commodity scavenger hunt or bingo at the SNA Iowa conference in Ames. We decided to meet May 12 to plan conference. Place to be determined.
11. Meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm by Donna Sevenich.

Submitted by:

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